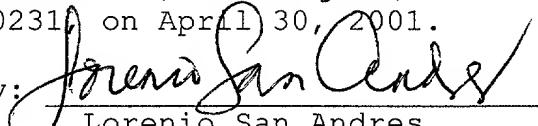


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Continuation of:) Group Art Unit No. 2763
YURI V. PANCHUL, et al.) Examiner: Leigh Marie Garbowski
SC/Serial No. 08/931,148)
Filed: September 16, 1997) PRELIMINRY AMENDMENT UNDER RULE 115
For: SYSTEM FOR CONVERTING) (37 C.F.R. § 1.115)
HARDWARE DESIGNS IN)
HIGH-LEVEL PROGRAMMING)
LANGUAGES TO HARDWARE) Santa Rosa, CA 95405
IMPLEMENTATIONS) April 30, 2001
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Honorable Commissioner of
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Sir:

Please amend the above-identified continuation application as shown below.

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

On page 1, in line 5, change "present disclosure" to --disclosure in parent U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 08/931,148 filed on September 16, 1997 and which is incorporated herein in its entirety by this reference--.

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel claims 14-17, 21, 22, 24, 38-41, 45, 46, and 48.

In claim 7, line 6, change "the", second occurrence, to --a--.

In claim 13, line 5, change "the", second occurrence, to --a--.

In claim 31, line 6, change "the", second occurrence, to --a--.

In claim 37, line 5, change "the", second occurrence, to --a--.

12. (AMEMDED) The method of claim 7, wherein the step of compiling further comprises [comprising] the step of compiling C-type programming language structure assignment, structure function parameters, and structure function return values into HDL synthesizable expressions.

REMARKS

The foregoing Amendment is submitted under Rule 115 (37 C.F.R. § 1.115). The following remarks are included in accordance with Rule 111 (37 C.F.R. § 1.111).

The claims as amended by the foregoing Amendment are deemed to be allowable. A notice of allowance is earnestly solicited.

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